ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Request for Autopsy Records for Quality Improvement Purposes

The Arkansas Department of Health has the authority to request autopsy records, files, and information from the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory under Act 892 of 2011 (Ark. Code Ann., Section 12-12-312 (a)(1)(B)(iii)) for the purpose of implementing the quality improvement provisions of the Trauma System Act (Act 393 of 2009 – Ark. Code Ann., Section 20-13-801 et seq) . Hospitals participating in the trauma system may request records for quality improvement purposes by either returning this form to: Arkansas Department of Health, Trauma Section, 4815 West Markham, Slot 4, Little Rock, AR 72205, or by e-mailing the scanned, signed form to your Regional Trauma Nurse Coordinator. Once the Trauma Section receives the autopsy records, they will be immediately forwarded to the requestor in an electronic format.

Requesting facility:

Physical delivery address: City: State: Zip Code:

Full name of requestor: E-mail address:

Patient's first name:	Last name:	
Date of death:	Date of birth:	(If available)
Male: ☐	Female: ☐	Race:
County where death occurred:		
Any additional identifying information:		

Act 892 states that records maintained by the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory are "privileged and confidential." Act 393 states that records collected by the Arkansas Department of Health for purposes of quality improvement of the trauma system are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act "to the extent that it identifies or could be used to identify any individual patient, provider, institution, or health plan." In addition, Act 393 states as follows with respect to records utilized for quality improvement purposes: "All information shall be treated in a manner that is consistent with all state and federal privacy requirements, including without limitation the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 privacy rule, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.512c(i)." By signing this form below, the requestor acknowledges that the autopsy records will be utilized for quality improvement purposes only and, in order to comply with pertinent statutory and regulatory provisions, that they will be afforded appropriate security while in possession of the hospital. When no longer needed for quality improvement purposes, the records will be destroyed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____